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Halifax on mega concert 'hiatus'?



Metallica frontman James Hetfield performs at the Garrisons Grounds in Halifax in 2011. It's the last time there's been a major outdoor show in the city. METRO FILE

Music. Industry expert says Halifax out of the outdoor show scene, a fix up to promoters



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It's been nearly four years with no mega outdoor concert in sight for Halifax, and one music-industry expert says the city definitely seems "on hiatus."

On Wednesday, rock giants AC/DC announced they were returning to Moncton's Magnetic Hill this summer, prompting the question: is Halifax out of the running for

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Cole McLean of Atlantic Canada Rocks

such outdoor shows?

"I would definitely say we're in a hiatus, but it's difficult to predict whether we're going to come out of that ... tomorrow or in five years from now," said Cole McLean of music website Atlantic Canada Rocks on Wednesday.

The concert business is unpredictable, McLean said, pointing to the fact that after a small hiatus of two years Moncton shocked even music insiders with the AC/DC show.

It has been nearly five years since the concert scandal in which HRM ended up on the hook for \$359,550 advanced to promoter Harold MacKay for two 2010 concerts. The last mega outdoor show saw Metallica play Citadel Hill in 2011, which was also handled by MacKay after his first company went under.

McLean said he's heard the city "doesn't really want to be in the concert business anymore," so it's up to promoters like Evenko or Sonic Concerts to decide whether they bring in a show, and there's a lot going on behind the scenes the public wouldn't hear about.

City spokeswoman Jennifer Stairs said Wednesday the

Rock or Bust World Tour

AC/DC back in Moncton

Fans of AC/DC will be taking the Highway to Hell to Moncton this September.

The legendary rockers announced seven Canadian cities on their upcoming Rock or Bust World Tour across North America, including Moncton, N.B., on Saturday, Sept. 5.

Tickets for the Moncton show go on sale Monday through Ticketmaster and will cost \$109.50, plus taxes and service charges.



AC/DC lead singer Brian Johnson
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municipality reviews any business proposals for concerts "on a case-by-case basis" and there are no proposals before the city right now.

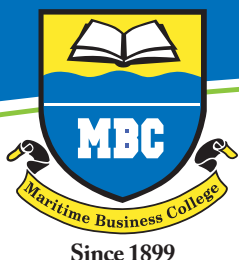
Although the Emera Oval is now on the Halifax Common, McLean said he doesn't think that would impact whether a large show could still be held there.

Citadel Hill's natural am-

phitheatre makes for a beautiful venue, McLean said, but added Moncton is more of a "hub city," easier to access from all three Maritime provinces with more camping options than our urban core.

"That's not to say Halifax can't have a good show and that's not to say they won't. It's just going to happen when the time is right," McLean said.

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Acadia students could be vaccinated for meningitis

Health. Four students have contracted the potentially deadly disease; two have died



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All Acadia University students may be vaccinated over the coming weeks if it's confirmed a second female from the school has contracted the B strain of meningococcal meningitis.

Just over a week after Sarah Hastings — a first-year Acadia business student from Cambridge, Ont., who played club ringette and field hockey — died from the B strain, the province's chief public-health officer said a second Acadia student — also an athlete — has contracted it but is recovering.

"If the second Acadia case is a B strain, this would then indicate that we do have an outbreak of meningococcal B,"

Quoted

"We are certainly taking this seriously, but ... I'm very confident we are on top of this."

Dr. Robert Strang

Dr. Robert Strang told reporters Wednesday.

Strang said they confirmed it was meningococcal Tuesday night but are now waiting to determine the specific strain within the next day or two.

If the strain is B, Strang said a vaccination program for all Acadia students would likely start next week, as well as those faculty or staff with medical conditions that would put them at greater risk.

Acadia confirmed first year Hope Maryka is the student recovering in hospital. Strang said she is on the women's rugby team but had no contact with Hastings. Maryka lives alone off campus and does not have close contacts who would be at a greater risk of contracting the disease.



Dr. Robert Strang, the province's chief public-health officer, leaves a press conference at One Government Place after updating the media on the latest case of meningitis on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

In total, Strang said there have been four meningococcal cases in 2015. This includes the two female Acadia students, a male first-year student at St. Francis Xavier University who

recovered from the Y strain in early January and Rylee Sears, a Grade 10 student from Lower Sackville who died Jan. 26 from the Y strain.

If Maryka contracted the Y

strain, Strang said they must look at things from a provincial perspective, which is "more complicated," and consult national experts on what to do next.

Student killed after being hit by school bus



Cape Breton Regional Police at the scene of the fatal accident on Wednesday. CAPE BRETON POST

A Sydney Academy student has died after being hit by a school bus on Wednesday afternoon.

Charles Sheppard, coordinator for school services with the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board, said the accident happened at about 2:15 p.m. while school was still in session.

He said the circumstances surrounding the student's death are currently being investigated by police. Sheppard said he didn't know how many students were being interviewed by police.

The bus driver was at regional police headquarters being interviewed late Wednesday.

The school board released a statement shortly after 3:30 p.m., saying one of its students was killed outside the school.

"The Cape Breton Regional Police are presently on the scene conducting a full investigation. Other students were rerouted through the school and dismissed," it read.

Students leaving class were

told to wait for the bus on Sherriff Avenue.

Classes are cancelled for Thursday, but Sheppard said Sydney Academy will be open for students who want to speak with grief counsellors. A crisis team will be on hand, and buses will be running tomorrow, he added.

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A glance at snow clearing across Atlantic Canada

Weather. Two cities have already sought external opinions on how their winter works programs perform



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HRM's auditor general says a review of the city's winter works program is on his radar for the next year's work plan.

"Certainly this year it's probably more on our radar simply because we've had more snow; it's more on people's minds," said Larry Munroe on Wednesday, adding the final list of projects has yet to be determined.

The city has received a little more than 1,500 snow-related calls, complaints and compliments since Nov. 1.

Munroe said his office hasn't received a "huge uptick" in complaints but he has heard more than usual.

He said the work plan is partly determined by the input he gets from elected officials, who may have heard more complaints.

Other Atlantic Canadian cities are also putting winter works programs under scrutiny.

Hotline

490-1144: the TIPS hotline for HRM's auditor general.



A hotel employee clears a path in downtown Moncton, N.B., on Feb. 2. Winter works programs have been coming under greater scrutiny in cities across Atlantic Canada. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

tiny. An external consultant's review of municipal services in Saint John, N.B., gave the port city a "silver" ranking for sidewalk and street winter-maintenance levels, compared to similar-sized Canadian cities.

And the councillor who chairs the public-works division in St. John's said several

changes made this year as a result of a KPMG review have improved resident sentiment.

"We do continue to get calls, but I haven't received calls like I did last year," said Coun. Jonathan Galgay.

Although he's getting positive feedback now, Galgay said snow removal, to a certain extent, will always be a losing

proposition in Canada.

"We implemented a new sidewalk-clearing program ... but now people are complaining we don't have enough salt," he said. "So you're always going to get those issues."

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By the numbers

People always feel snow removal must be done better in other Atlantic Canadian cities — but is that true? Here's how the numbers stack up in a few places:

Halifax:

- **Population:** 408,700.
- **Average annual snowfall:** 221.2 cm.
- **Snow-removal budget:** Approximately \$20 million.
- **Snow-removal equipment:** 10 trackless machines for sidewalks, plus 44 pieces of equipment for streets. Supplemented by 120 to 150 pieces of equipment from hourly contractors.
- **How much needs clearing?** 3,800 lane km of streets, 950 km of sidewalks.
- **Residential tax rate:** \$0.658 (urban), \$0.625 (suburban) or \$0.619 (rural) per \$100 assessed value.

Saint John, N.B.:

- **Population:** 70,000.
- **Average annual snowfall:** 239.6 cm.
- **Snow-removal budget:** \$5.76 million.
- **Snow-removal equipment:** 12 salt and sand spreaders, 28 large plows, 10 smaller plows, 14 sidewalk plows. Contractor crews on two routes.
- **How much needs clearing?** 1,342 lane km of streets, 262 km of sidewalks.

- **Residential tax rate:** \$1.785 per \$100 assessed value.

Charlottetown:

- **Population:** 35,000.
- **Average annual snowfall:** 290.4 cm.
- **Snow-removal budget (Jan. to Dec. 2014):** Budgeted amount is \$2.125 million, actual projection is \$2.94 million.
- **Snow-removal equipment:** 11 sidewalk-clearing machines, five supplied by contractors; 24 street plow units, 13 supplied by contractors.
- **How much needs clearing?** More than 250 lane km of streets.
- **Residential tax rate:** \$0.67 per \$100 assessed value.

St. John's:

- **Population:** 106,172.
- **Average annual snowfall:** 335 cm.
- **Snow-removal budget:** \$17 million.
- **Snow-removal equipment:** Approximately 125 pieces of heavy equipment, including 40 trucks for salt-icing and anti-icing and 45 loaders.
- **How much needs clearing?** Approximately 1,400 lane km of streets and 134 km of street.
- **Residential tax rate:** \$0.81 per \$100 assessed tax value.



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Pit bulls find love on Instagram

Porters Lake. Dog owner's popular account tries to show the breed is 'super loveable'

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With a bulky frame, square head and a history as a fighting dog, the pit bull often gets a bad rap. But Candice Scott, owner of two rescued mixed-breed pit bulls, offers a different perspective.

"They're super loveable and obsessed with people. I can't sit on the couch without both of them on top of me," said Scott, as caramel-coloured Capone, her two-year-old pit-bull mix, rested his chin on her lap with an orange ball in his mouth.

Capone and 10-month-old pit-bull mix Lennox are the stars of pitbullsandtattoos, an Instagram page with over 32,000 followers.

Scott said the page started



Candice Scott and her dog Capone at her home on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

out as a personal Instagram account, but as more pictures were posted of the dogs, it quickly turned into a way of changing society's

perspective on the breed.

"Walking anywhere with a pit bull, you have people looking at you and saying things or turning and

walking the other way; it's absolutely ridiculous," the 24-year-old said, raising her voice slightly as Capone chased a loud squeaky toy

across the kitchen floor.

"I think it's just a matter of people who advocate for them bringing them out and having them meet as many

people as possible to help change minds."

Many companies, like Original Bully and Paw Pack have contacted Scott about her Instagram page, and some are even sending her clothes to dress the dogs in.

Scott said it's nice for people to see the dogs dressed in silly clothes because it helps dull down the idea that pit bulls are aggressive pets.

"When most people see a dog with short hair and a square muzzle like that, they run to the media. They're obsessed with posting negative stories about these dogs," she said.

In addition to her Instagram page, Scott runs Must Love Dogs, an in-home boarding facility out of her home in Porters Lake.

Details

Go to instagram.com/pitbullsandtattoos to check out Candice Scott's Instagram account.

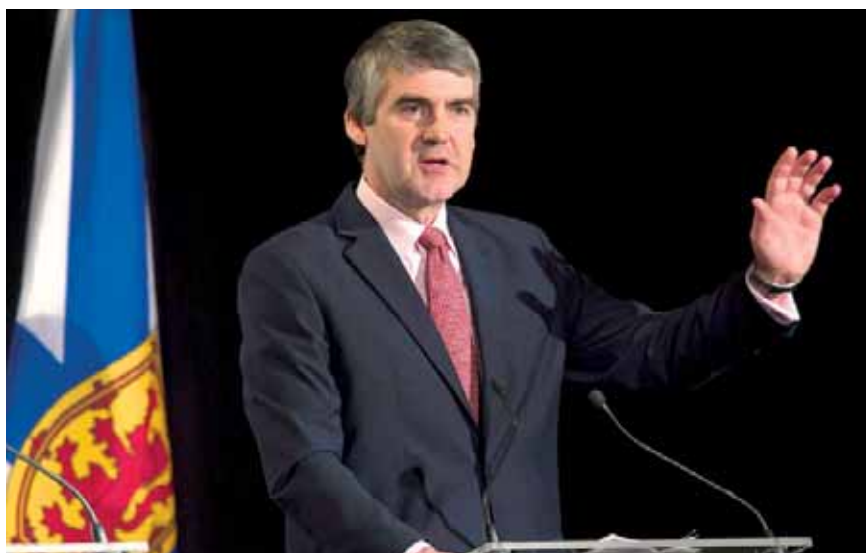
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Premier Stephen McNeil delivers his state of the province address to the Chamber of Commerce in Halifax on Wednesday.
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No silver bullet for economy

State of the province. McNeil says Nova Scotians should get ready for difficult changes ahead



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Nova Scotia's premier made no mention of Halifax during his annual state of the province address on Wednesday, only saying that all Nova Scotians should get ready to accept some difficult forthcoming changes.

Stephen McNeil delivered his yearly speech to nearly 700 people during the Halifax Chamber of Commerce event at the World Trade and Convention Centre.

Making "structural changes" to the ways the province delivers health care, public education and economic development are the only solutions to fixing the province's historic and complex problems, McNeil told the crowd.

"There are no silver bullets or simple answers," the Liberal leader said of the province's economic woes, adding that anything less than foundational change would be status quo.

As examples, he cited his government's response to the labour challenges with health-care workers, and the recent release of the education minister's report that called for a complete overhaul of the public education system.

"(The report) told us the structure of public education in the province of Nova Scotia is not working. Throwing more money at the problem doesn't fix the structure," said McNeil.

"The structure of economic development in this province has been broken for a very, very long time," he said, adding greater partnerships will be forged with the private sector to provide venture capital and seed money for young entrepreneurs to stay in this province and grow their businesses.

McNeil also announced a new deputy minister from the private sector would be appointed to develop a better regulatory partnership with New Brunswick, which he explained afterwards would be detailed once the upcoming spring budget is released.

"This coming spring's budget will be a difficult one," he told the audience.

"You'll see things in this budget that we no longer do," McNeil added to reporters afterward, adding there will be no

Halifax

A Halifax-area councillor says the message of Premier Stephen McNeil during his annual address to the province on Wednesday aligns with the vision of city council and many Haligonians.

"We're just the rest of the province on steroids," Coun. Matt Whitman said after the event.

He said the main takeaway for any Haligonian is that despite rough economic times, the willingness to accept difficult decisions in order to see long-term positive changes is paramount.

Whitman said much of the premier's advice to grow the population, build more business infrastructure and support a younger, diverse workforce is applicable to Halifax, even if McNeil didn't spell it out.

"It's the rest of the province that hurts the most," Whitman said. "If Halifax does well, the rest of the province does well."

major tax cuts, as the province requires the revenue.

Despite the many challenges ahead, McNeil applauded how the province has seen a 50 per cent increase in immigration nominees in the last year and boasted the most export growth in Canada across all sectors in 2014.

McNeil: Travel costs part of doing business

The day after Nova Scotia's premier said salary cuts for politicians were a part of spring budget deliberations, he was quick to defend his former energy minister's travel expenses, following his state of the province address on Wednesday.

"The fact of the matter is there's a cost to doing business in any province, there's inter-provincial trade, there's inter-provincial meetings. We need to go out and do business," Stephen McNeil told reporters.

"I've been recently in London signing a \$50-million deal. Should I stay home? I was recently in Scotland where we signed an agreement that will now have direct flights from Halifax to Glasgow. Should we stay home? 'Course not.'"

McNeil's responses after his speech Wednesday were after his former energy minister Andrew Younger came under fire after racking up nearly \$30,000 in travel ex-



Michel Samson JEFF HARPER/METRO

penses last year.

"What we have said all along is that ministers need to be able to justify the travel that they've (done) and there have to be results for Nova Scotians," McNeil told reporters.

Economic and Rural Development Minister Michel Samson has taken over some of Younger's business in the interim, but McNeil wouldn't say whether \$30,000 was an acceptable

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Premier Stephen McNeil

travel budget for Samson, only that he expects his ministers to travel.

As far as any reductions to politicians' salaries, that remains to be determined in the spring budget, McNeil said.

However, he was clear that public servants will not have their salaries cuts.

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"We need to grow the population.... We cannot afford to leave one young Nova Scotian behind."

Premier Stephen McNeil

Neon Dreams part of EDM scene 'dominating' Halifax

Music. Local four-piece lighting up Canadian airwaves and will play a show with label boss Waka Flocka Flame



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On a dance floor in Halifax, the distinct smell of sweat is trumped by a desire to dance.

Dozens of people whip their heads from side to side as bright green lasers cut through the haze of fog from the smoke machine. The beat of the bass vibrates in your chest.

It's just another night at Reflections Cabaret, where the EDM (electronic dance music) scene has thrived for years.

But the scene has been growing in Halifax. Dozens of local bars now feature EDM artists every week, and the shows are well attended.

"The electronic scene in Halifax has always been mainly underground," said DJ and producer Corey LeRue of the Halifax-based EDM band Neon Dreams. "But people are becoming more aware of it."

"It's becoming a lot more



Members of Neon Dreams pose for a photo in their Halifax studio on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

mainstream and so a lot more people are starting to experience the culture."

It was the Evolve Festival in Antigonish that pushed LeRue to become a full-time DJ, one of a number of major events that helped spark a thriving EDM scene in Halifax, including last summer's Helm Fest.

"There have been a lot more festivals and bigger shows that are bringing it to the forefront,"

LeRue said in sock feet at the snug TMG Entertainment studios in downtown Halifax, where the group creates all its music.

Neon Dreams, a four-piece group featuring LeRue, Adrian Morris, Frank Kadillac and Matt Gats, have helped put Halifax on the map as an electronic music powerhouse.

Their unique style and fusion of electronics, vocals,

guitar and drums during their electrified live shows caught the eye of renowned U.S. hip-hop giant Waka Flocka Flame, who recently signed them to his 36Brickhouse label.

Their single, Love Experts, has been a mainstay on Canadian radio airwaves, even charting on a Billboard Top 40 list.

Morris said Halifax isn't a unique case. EDM has been

blasting in clubs and car stereos across the globe.

"It's a way to let loose," said Morris, next to several synthesizers and guitars. "If you have a regular nine-to-five job and you go to one of these shows on the weekend, you just get to let go."

Sitting in front of a computer monitor sandwiched between dozens of speakers and knobs, LeRue plays the band's upcoming track War, which

Quoted

"A lot of people enjoy (electronic dance music) so much because of the culture. It's just fun."

Corey LeRue of Neon Dreams

features DJ Whoo Kid and Stokes. It's hard to resist dancing along with the infectious beat, especially with Gats standing next to me doing the robot.

That's what EDM does. It elicits dancing.

Saad Zora, a.k.a. Zora the Sultan, said EDM is a hard thing to ignore.

"It's dominating," said Zora, a student at Mount Saint Vincent University who moonlights as a professional DJ. "It's been taking over pop culture, and it's so accessible. Pretty much anyone with a computer can make beats. The music is just really exciting."

See them live

Neon Dreams is playing the Marquee Ballroom (2037 Gottingen St.) Friday at 8 p.m. with Waka Flocka Flame, J-Bru, GQnumberone and DJ IV. Tickets are \$25.

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A collage of toy guns. A game of "cops and robbers" in which a realistic Air Soft model was used drew the attention of police recently in King's County. METRO FILE

Police called over 'cops and robbers'

King's County. Game involving fake gun between father and kids leads to scare

Someone called police in Nova Scotia after observing a man pointing a gun at some children.

The officer arrived on scene Feb. 7 in King's County and found a man playing "cops and robbers" with his

children.

According to community policing Const. Kelli Gaudet, the gun was a very realistic Air Soft model.

"It is very difficult to tell the difference between that and a real gun," she said.

The officer who attended took the time to provide some safety training and told the father that using that kind of toy, especially at night, was very dangerous.

"We have to treat those

Lesson learned

After the circumstances and optics were explained, RCMP Const. Kelli Gaudet said the "father was very apologetic."

calls as high risk," said Gaudet. "It can be as simple as 'cops and robbers,' but when you point a gun, we have to treat (it) like a real gun."

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Truro-area man on set of Book of Negroes

Entertainment. Being part of TV 'a great experience' for farmer

Despite long hours, working on set for a television mini-series is something Fred Hamilton would do again.

For close to a month last spring, Hamilton spent day in and day out on the set of

CBC's *The Book of Negroes* with four draft horses.

"It was a great experience," said the Lower Onslow farmer about filming from the middle of April until May 18. "Especially when you put that much time into it. It's been quite interesting to watch."

The final episode of the series aired Wednesday night.

The part came about for Hamilton after a friend was

To watch

Full episodes can be viewed at cbc.ca/bookofnegroes.

hired on as the marine and animal co-ordinator. "He knows what I have for horses and wagons and he knew how I'd be able to help out."

Two horses owned by

Hamilton were part of the series. Scenes were filmed in Shelburne, Lunenburg, Cole Harbour and the Fortress of Louisbourg.

"Everyone thinks it's quite glamorous, but there are some long, long days," he said, noting his days started at 4:30 a.m. in Sydney while filming at Louisbourg and some days ended at 9 p.m.

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Fred Hamilton, a Lower Onslow farmer, and his Belgian horse Chase were both featured in *The Book of Negroes* series. TRURO DAILY NEWS

Weapons. Americans hoarding N.S. ammo, store owner says

American gun owners who have been hoarding ammunition are creating shortages in parts of Nova Scotia, a store owner says.

"They're (distributors) saying that the rifle ammo is going to get worse this year instead of better," said David MacKay of MacKay's Wild Outdoors Adventures on Willow Street.

"It wasn't too bad last year, but by mid-fall, like mid-season, it was getting hard to get even the common calibres," he said.

MacKay said the shortages have been getting worse over the past year-and-a-half following school shootings in the U.S. that prompted fears that the Obama government was going to initiate a card system similar to that of Canada that gun owners would require when purchasing ammunition.

"Ever since, the Americans have been stockpiling to beat the band," he said, adding that the Canadian gun market does not produce enough demand to make it a strong player for purchasing ammunition.

Inquiries about purchas-

Quoted

"The reality is, in Canada we do three per cent of the world's ammunition. So we'd be the first ones they'd forget about."

David MacKay of MacKay's Wild Outdoors Adventures

ing .22-calibre shells and other ammo at the Canadian Tire and Walmart stores in Truro proved fruitless, with none available at either location.

The same situation applies to both New Glasgow and Amherst, based on the number of customers who have been coming to MacKay's shop of late from those areas.

"Right now, it's just hit and miss," he said of his ability to acquire some ammo such as .22 shells and for some other higher calibre rifles.

Of the 50,000 rounds of .22 shells that came in less than two weeks ago, MacKay said he has less than half remaining.

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Labour. Coalition calls for \$15 an hour minimum wage

The provincial government should raise the minimum wage in Nova Scotia to \$15 an hour, says a coalition group.

The coalition includes labour, student and community organizations, according to a release issued Wednesday ahead of a town hall panel taking place Thursday at 6 p.m. at

the George Dixon Centre on Brunswick Street.

The minimum wage in Nova Scotia is going up by 20 cents an hour, starting April 1.

Increasing the minimum wage to \$10.60 an hour was recommended by a committee that reviews the rate.

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Twin girl and her dad recovering after transplant

An Ontario father and his three-year-old daughter were recovering in hospital on Wednesday after both underwent "successful" liver transplant surgeries.

Michael Wagner gave

part of his liver to Phuoc — one of his twin daughters, both of whom have Alagille syndrome, a genetic disorder that affects vital organs.

The family is still waiting for a liver donor for Phuoc's sister, Binh. The girls' story made headlines when the family said it couldn't decide who would receive the donation, so they left it to doctors to pick the best candidate.

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Politics

Tory defector willing to prove herself: Trudeau

Tory defector Eve Adams' willingness to prove her mettle in a difficult Toronto riding was a key part of the decision to welcome her into the federal Liberal party, Justin Trudeau says.

Adams confirmed Wednesday she intends to seek the Liberal nomination in Eglinton-Lawrence, hoping to take on Finance Minister Joe Oliver in the election.

She now represents Mississauga-Brampton South but last year attempted to switch to the newly created Oakville North-Burlington riding and became embroiled in an ugly Conservative nomination fight. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian Forces

Air force head retiring as military brass get shake up

A number of changes are in the works for military brass, including the retirement of the head of the air force and the promotion of the first woman to run the personnel branch.

The country's top military commander, Gen. Tom Lawson, has announced a series of promotions and new postings, many of which take effect throughout the coming months. The biggest change is the departure of Lt-Gen. Ivan Blondin, a veteran fighter pilot who became head of the air force just over two years ago and was a champion of the F-35 program. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kenney hints at possibility of Ukraine mission

Military. New defence minister says Canada would be open to training Ukrainian forces

The country's new defence minister left the door open Wednesday for Canadian troops to join the U.S. in training Ukrainian forces and for an extension of the combat mission against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group.

Jason Kenney, speaking on CBC's Power and Politics, echoed Prime Minister Stephen Harper's comments in saying that "all options are on the table" when it comes to opposing Russian interference in eastern Ukraine but was more specific on the issue of training.

He said: "If there is consensus that we could play a role in terms of training, we would be open to doing so, but no decisions have been taken."

The commander of the U.S. Army Europe, Lt-Gen. Ben Hodges, said Wednesday a battalion of U.S. soldiers would train three battalions of Ukrainians from the Interior Ministry at the Yavoriv training centre in the western Ukrainian city

of Lviv.

The training won't begin until March, but Hodges said it will teach the Ukrainians how to better defend themselves against "Russian and rebel artillery and rockets."

The six-month combat mission against ISIL expires by late March, and Kenney, who was appointed this week to the portfolio, says the Conservative government hasn't made up its mind whether to extend it, ask Parliament for a different mandate — or even if an extension would be put before MPs.

Meanwhile in Washington, President Barack Obama has asked Congress for a limited mandate to wage war on ISIL, but it would not include "enduring offensive ground combat operations."

The resolution would not limit military operations to Iraq and Syria or prohibit defensive ground operations. The language resembles what the Harper government has been saying to justify the actions of special-forces trainers, who have been guiding in airstrikes for Kurdish peshmerga fighters.

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For coverage of Obama's mandate to wage war on ISIL, see page 12.



Retrial set to begin for Canadian journalist

In this May 2014 file photo, Canadian-Egyptian Mohamed Fahmy, acting Al Jazeera bureau chief, talks to the judge during his trial on terror charges in Cairo, Egypt. Fahmy is bracing for a return to a cage in a Cairo courtroom where his retrial is set to begin on Thursday. A lawyer for the journalist, who has been in prison for more than a year on terror-related charges, is expected to ask that he be deported to Canada. Fahmy and his two colleagues — Peter Greste and Baher Mohamed — were arrested while working for Al Jazeera English in December 2013.

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Health. 10 Quebec measles cases linked to California

Ten individuals in Quebec are confirmed to have been infected with measles in an event health officials are linking to a large outbreak in California.

And another case has been reported in the Toronto region, bringing to eight the number of cases discovered in the past few weeks in southern Ontario.

In a statement, the Lanaudiere health authority

said the first Quebec case contracted the virus during a visit to a park in California which has been the source of other recent infections. Though they do not name it, it would appear that it is Disneyland.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control says the Disneyland outbreak has involved 114 cases in seven U.S. states so far.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Politics. Overriding verdict is not an option: MacKay

Personal circumstances colour individual views on whether people should have a legal right to a doctor-assisted death, and that dilemma could swing voter loyalty during the next election, says the federal justice minister.

Peter MacKay has read several times the Supreme Court of Canada decision that quashes a criminal ban on doctor-assisted suicide.

He strengthened his opposition to one of three possibilities for responding to the decision, referring to the notwithstanding clause, which gives Parliament the power to override the decision. The other options are letting the law lapse entirely or crafting a replacement. The government will consult a range of groups, MacKay said.

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Newborn opiate withdrawal rate up significantly: Study



Dr. Suzanne Turner

CONTRIBUTOR/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The number of babies born with symptoms of opioid withdrawal because of their mother's use of the medications has jumped 15-fold in Ontario over the last two decades, reflecting increased prescribing of the potent and addictive pain killers, researchers say.

Most of those babies were born to women who were prescribed an opioid such as codeine, oxycodone or morphine by their doctors, both before and during pregnancy, says the study published Wednesday in

the journal CMAJ Open.

Researchers found that the rates of newborn withdrawal — called neonatal abstinence syndrome — in Ontario grew from about 0.3 per 1,000 live births in 1992 to 4.3 per 1,000 in 2011.

Over the 20-year period, data showed there were almost 3,100 infants born in the province suffering symptoms of neonatal abstinence syndrome, which mimic those in adults going through withdrawal from an opioid. However, the largest proportion of babies with the

syndrome — 1,901, or almost two-thirds — occurred in the last five years of the study, a period when prescribing of opiates like oxycodone for pain was on the rise. Almost half of the infants were born to women who were eligible for publicly funded prescription drugs at the time of delivery, anonymized prescription records show.

The women had been prescribed an opiate at various time periods. But as their due date approached, many of the women were shifted from opi-

oids to methadone, a drug prescribed almost exclusively to people addicted to pain killers.

"So it suggests that women were prescribed opiates to treat pain prior to their pregnancies, and at some point an addiction was identified, and they were switched to methadone," said principal researcher Dr. Suzanne Turner, a family physician at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto who specializes in providing obstetrical care for women with addictions.

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Quoted

"Doctors need to be aware there is the risk of addiction if women are prescribed opiates prior to pregnancy, and if they're of child-bearing age, those risks should be assessed."

Dr. Suzanne Turner, principal researcher of the study and a family physician at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto

Chris Kyle. Slain Navy SEAL suspected shooter was 'nuts'

Shortly before he was shot to death by a troubled former Marine at a Texas gun range, legendary Navy SEAL sniper Chris Kyle texted a buddy, "This dude is straight-up nuts," a defence attorney told jurors Wednesday.

A lawyer for Eddie Ray Routh said in opening statements of the man's murder trial that Routh's insanity was so evident that Kyle and his friend Chad Littlefield exchanged texts expressing alarm as the three rode together in February 2013 to a Texas shooting range. "He's (sitting) right behind me, watch my six," Littlefield texted back, using a military reference for watching one's back.

But a prosecutor said that even with a history of mental illness, Routh still knew right from wrong.

Kyle's widow, Taya Kyle, testified that Littlefield and



Taya Kyle, wife of slain Navy SEAL Chris Kyle. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

her husband were close, and enjoyed spending time with veterans as a way to help them ease back into civilian life. She said her husband had been approached by Routh's mother to help her son.

The case has drawn intense interest, largely because of Kyle's memoir about being a sniper who served four tours in Iraq. The Oscar-nominated film based on the book has grossed nearly \$300 million.

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Costa Concordia. Captain gets 16 years in prison

The captain of the shipwrecked Costa Concordia cruise ship was convicted Wednesday of multiple charges of manslaughter and sentenced to 16 years in jail, Italian court officials said.

Francesco Schettino was convicted of manslaughter in the deaths of 32 passengers and crew in the Jan. 13, 2012 capsizing as well as of causing a shipwreck and abandoning ship while many of the 4,200 passengers and crew were still on board.

The verdict and sentencing brought an end to a trial that has been running since July 2013. Prosecutors had insisted Schettino was a "reckless idiot" and asked the court to sentence him to 26 years and three

months in prison.

Schettino wasn't present when Judge Giovanni Puliatti read out the verdict Wednesday night in a Grosseto theatre, but the former captain told the court earlier he was being "sacrificed" to safeguard the economic interests of his employer. He then broke down in sobs immediately before the panel began deliberating.

Testimony put the spotlight on errors by other crew and equipment malfunctions after the Concordia smashed into a jagged reef when Schettino steered the ship close to the Tuscan island's shoreline while passengers were having supper in the main dining room.

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Sandstorm covers Cairo, roars through Israel and Lebanon

A sandstorm shrouds Cairo on Wednesday morning. The storm also roared into Israel and Lebanon, causing the worst Israeli air pollution in years and sending powerful waves tearing into Beirut's famed corniche along the Mediterranean Sea. HASSAN AMMAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama asks for war powers to destroy ISIL

White House. Draft authorization sent to Congress does not call for deployment of ground forces

President Barack Obama declared Wednesday that the U.S.-led military coalition will succeed in destroying the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group, as he asked

Congress for fresh war powers.

Speaking at the White House, Obama said the draft authorization he sent Congress earlier in the day does not call for the deployment of ground forces. He said that would not be necessary to fight ISIL, although he left open the possibility he could deploy special forces in limited circumstances.

"It is not the authorization of another ground war like Afghanistan or Iraq," Obama

said, seeking to differentiate military efforts under his watch from the unpopular wars the U.S. launched under his predecessor.

Obama said the mission against ISIL is difficult and will stay that way for some time — particularly as coalition forces seek to rout the militants from urban areas in Iraq and Syria. But Obama said the coalition was firmly on the offensive, vowing that "ISIL is going to lose."

"Our coalition is strong, our cause is just and our mission will succeed," Obama said.

The initial reaction to his authorization request in Congress was bipartisan skepticism. Republicans expressed unhappiness that Obama chose to exclude any long-term commitment of ground forces, while some Democrats voiced dismay that he had opened the door to deployment at all. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Boko Haram revels in Chibok kidnappings

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Girls who have escaped from the extremists describe conditions

When Islamic extremists snatched more than 270 girls from the Chibok boarding school in Nigeria in the dead of night, protests broke out worldwide. The U.S. pledged to help find them, and the #BringBackOurGirls hashtag was born.

Some 10 months later, most are still missing. The Boko Haram extremist group sees the mass kidnapping as a shining symbol of success and has abducted hundreds of other girls, boys and women. The militants brag to their new captives about the surrender of the Chibok girls, their conversion to Islam and their marriage to fighters.

"They told me the Chibok girls have a new life where they learn to fight," says Abigail John, 15, who was held by Boko Haram for more than four weeks before escaping. "They said we should be like

them and accept Islam."

The kidnappings reflect the growing ambition and brazenness of Boko Haram, which seeks to impose an Islamic state across Nigeria, Africa's most populous country. Some 10,000 people have died in the Islamic uprising over the past year, compared to 2,000 in the previous four years, according to the U.S. Council on Foreign Relations.

John was among three girls interviewed by The Associated Press who recently escaped from Boko Haram. While their stories could not be independently verified, they were strikingly similar, and all spoke of their captors' obsession with the Chibok girls.

The kidnappings of the Chibok girls in April brought Boko Haram to the world's attention in a way the group could not have imagined. The hashtag #BringBackOurGirls was tweeted more than 480,000 times globally in early May, and U.S. first lady Michelle Obama held it up in a sign to television cameras. She said at the time, "In these girls, Barack and I see our own daughters.... We can only im-



In this photo taken Jan. 31, 2015, Dorcas Aiden, 20, speaks to a journalist in Yola, Nigeria. Aiden was one of the 270 girls caught in Boko Haram's siege of the Chibok boarding school in April. LEKAN OYEKANMI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

agine the anguish their parents are feeling right now."

On Wednesday, Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan again promised the girls will be brought home alive, saying he is "more hopeful" about their fate now that a multinational force is being formed to fight Boko Haram.

Dorcas Aiden, 20, was

another of those caught in Boko Haram's siege. She had finished high school and was living at home when the war came to her village. Fighters took her to a house in the town of Gulak and held her captive for two weeks last September.

The more than 50 teenage girls crammed into the house

were beaten if they refused to study Quranic verses or conduct daily Muslim prayers, she says. When the fighters got angry, they shot their guns in the air. Aiden finally gave in and denied her Christian faith to become Muslim, at least in name, she says.

One day, the fighters stormed into the room where

Forced marriage

"I said, 'No, I will not marry you.' So he pulled out a gun and beat my hand."

Dorcas Aiden, 20, one of the 270 girls abducted by Boko Haram last spring

she was kept locked up with a dozen other girls. They showed a video of the Chibok girls, dressed in hijabs, with only their faces visible through their veils. Aiden says she was so overwhelmed that she cried.

The fighters said the Chibok girls were all Muslims now, and some were training as fighters to fight women, which Boko Haram men are not supposed to do.

Aiden says the insurgents threatened to break the legs of any girl who tried to escape, but she and six others ran anyway. As she made her way through abandoned farm fields, she noticed that Boko Haram had filled about 10 other houses with kidnapped girls and women.

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Target Canada

Judge clears deal with landlords

An Ontario judge has given the green light to a compromise between Target Canada and its landlords over properties the retailer will soon leave vacant.

The revised agreement gives Target Canada until

the end of June to finish selling its store leases. It also addresses landlord concerns that delays could leave unoccupied properties in limbo. Target has set a May 15 deadline to wrap up the sales process, with June 30 for those deals to close. If the leases aren't sold by then, the rights will be returned to the landlords.

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Anti-corruption law

New rules tough on Public Works

Recently toughened rules that block Canada from doing business with companies that commit crimes anywhere in the world have put the federal government's main buyer of goods and services in a bind.

The Public Works Department has 66 contracts worth around \$377 million with HP Canada — whose Russian sister company pleaded guilty in a U.S. court last September to creating a secret slush fund used to bribe Russian government officials for a contract. HP Russia was fined more than \$58 million U.S. THE CANADIAN PRESS

U.S. Congress passes bill to build pipeline

Keystone XL. Vote was 11th attempt by Republicans to advance the project

The U.S. Congress approved a bill Wednesday to construct the privately funded Canadian Keystone XL oil-pipeline project, setting up a confrontation with President Barack Obama, who has threatened to veto the measure.

The House voted 270-152 to send the bill to the president, endorsing changes made by the Senate that stated climate change was real and not a hoax and that oilsands should no longer be exempt from a tax used to clean up oil spills. Only one Republican voted against the measure.

But neither chamber has enough support to overcome a veto, and supporters were already strategizing on how to secure the pipeline's approval using other means.

Republicans and the oil industry have argued the \$8-billion US project is about jobs and boosting energy security by importing oil from a friendly neighbour and shipping it to domestic refineries subject to stringent environmental regulations. Democrats, and their environmental allies, have characterized it as a gift to the oil industry that would worsen global warming and subject parts of the country to the risks of an oil spill.

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Canadian Pacific girds for railway strike

A caboose sits outside the Canadian Pacific Railway headquarters in Calgary. The country's second-biggest carrier is bracing for a possible strike this weekend by the Teamsters union, which represents more than 3,300 active locomotive engineers and other rail workers. Management employees will run a reduced freight schedule in the event of a walkout. A work stoppage could occur as soon as 12:01 a.m. on Sunday, according to the Calgary-based carrier. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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YOU ATTRACTED TO PIGS? NO? NEITHER IS YOUR CRUSH

The nose may indeed know when it comes to attracting a mate, but pheromone potions sold online are sourced from swine, not humans — and they definitely don't work



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Something's in the air. No, not love. Is that ... pig pheromones?

There are hundreds of "human pheromone" products out there, all claiming that, with a spritz or two, the wearer will become irresistible to potential romantic partners.

If you're thinking of using these to find love this Valentine's Day, don't, cautioned the American Chemical Society on Monday.

The products are tantamount to snake oil. The pheromones they contain, though real, were actually isolated in pigs.

The idea that humans pheromones may attract sexual partners isn't necessarily

wrong. Species across the animal kingdom secrete these molecules to signal fertility to prospective mates, among other messages. There's just not enough known about pheromones in humans to make a love potion possible anytime soon.

Guys, you're better off just throwing on a well-worn T-shirt.

Since the pioneering "sweaty T-shirt study" in the '90s, evidence has been mounting that women tend to be attracted to the natural smell of guys who are more likely to father healthy kids.

The research has focused on a group of genes that code for MHC (major histocompatibility complex) proteins. These play a major role in immune function. The more diverse a person's collection of MHC genes, the more robust their immune system tends to be.

But what do immune genes have to do

And it wouldn't kill you to shower less, either

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with sexual attractiveness?

Kids' immunity is maximized when they inherit different MHC genes from their fathers than from their mothers.

In other words, when a woman likes the way a man smells, it could mean they'd have healthy kids together.

No fancy pheromone cocktails needed for men or smell-detecting equipment or calculations needed for women. Just follow your nose, ladies.

The area of research is controversial, and results differ between populations and different gender identities and preferences.

Women who are taking hormonal contraceptives, which make the body mimic pregnancy, tend to have the opposite reaction to man-stink, preferring guys with immune genes that are more similar to their own.

Another study showed that gay men reacted to sexy man stink in the same way that women did.

Bottom line?

If you're searching for a partner this Valentine's Day, put down the fake pheromones and trust your judgment. But don't ignore what your nose tells you.

Stephanie Orford is a writer based in Vancouver.

It's our flag-iversary, and I for one am proud



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Quick, which symbol best encapsulates Canada: a double-double, a beaver, a moose, maple syrup, a Canada goose, a Canada Goose parka, Drake in a Canada Goose parka, ice hockey, the Toronto Maple Leafs or a red maple leaf on a fall day?

Which of these symbols you like and which you despise depends largely on when you were born and where you live. Not everyone is a fan of the Leafs, but many of us love the maple leaf.

From gas stations to hardware stores to beer companies, the maple leaf is ubiquitous.

This Sunday will mark 50 years since the red-and-white flag we now stand on guard for first officially flew above the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill.

Long before that, it was already central to Canadian culture.

Our unofficial national anthem, written by Alexander Muir in 1867, sung the praises of our "Maple Leaf, our emblem dear."

The tune also talks about God saving the Queen and Britannia's flag. Which was apropos, as until 1965 the Royal Union Flag was the only official national flag of Canada. It celebrated our past.

However, by the early '60s, Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson knew it was time to look to the future. The possibility of having our very own national flag sparked what was dubbed The Great Flag Debate among politicians.

The people also got a say. Close to 6,000 designs were sent to Ottawa. Beavers made it on to many of the designs; not sure we'd want to be known worldwide for our passion for beavers.



Fans wave the Maple Leaf before Canada's men's hockey game against Team USA at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver. This Sunday will mark 50 years since the flag first officially flew on Parliament Hill.

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Canada geese (yes, those aggressive birds who leave green poop everywhere) were suggested, too. One very cheeky entry featured the four Beatles, with a fleur-de-lis at the centre. Britain's Union Jack was a part of many designs.

Thankfully, our flag does not have another country's flag on it, beavers, geese or the Fab Four.

Yes, I was born in Dublin, so some will automatically discount my view. But I have

lived here most of my life, and as a dual Irish-Canadian citizen, I bleed red, white and maple, thank you very much.

IMHO, our flag with a maple leaf at its heart is truly the perfect symbol for the True North strong and free.

So raise up your cup of Timmies this weekend and cheers to the Maple Leaf Forever!

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We stand on guard for ... beavers? The Beatles? A few rejected Canadian flag designs



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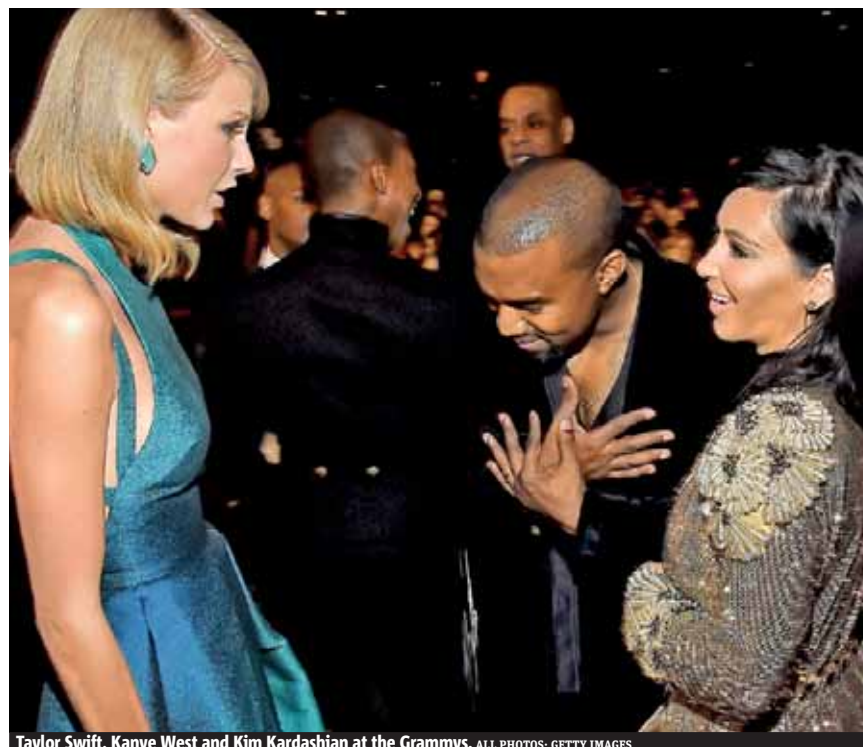


Redmayne researching trans role

Never accuse presumptive Oscar front-runner Eddie Redmayne of not being committed to his work as an actor. Case in point: The Theory of Everything star is reportedly deep into preparations for an upcoming film, *The Danish Girl*, about the first transgender woman to undergo reassignment surgery back in the '30s. And just how is he preparing? The British actor "is literally walking around in heels and wearing his wife's clothing," a source tells Radar Online.



Redmayne



Taylor Swift, Kanye West and Kim Kardashian at the Grammys. ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

From dis to duet? Kanye hints at Taylor Swift team up

Everyone's favourite level-headed cultural critic called into Ryan Seacrest's radio show yesterday to clear a few things up about the Grammys — and to hint at a super-powered pop team-up that may be in the works. Taylor Swift "wants to get in the studio and we're definitely going to do that," West teases. And he also says Swift is something of a troublemaker when it comes to him interrupting Beck's acceptance speech: "Taylor Swift came up to me right afterwards, literally right afterwards, and tells me that I should have went on stage. This is the irony of my life," he says.

It wasn't just Swift, either.

"Right when that happened, everybody was looking at me, then people started (chanting my name)," he explains of his Grammys stage-rush. "OK, this didn't really happen, those were voices in my head." So, it's official. The voices made him do it. As for why he keeps rushing the stage on Beyoncé's behalf instead the singer herself? "I believe she didn't move and run to the stage because she's a respectful individual," he explains. "But because she's so successful, a lot of times success disables your ability to communicate exactly what the f— you want to say." So ... yeah.

But he doesn't want people to think he was saying Beck

isn't a great artist. "When I said that thing about artistry, I think it came off the wrong way and that was a miswording on my part. Obviously, Beck is one of the most respected artists and respects artistry," he says. He's also not planning to attend the Grammys next year unless some major changes to the voting system "to be more in accord with the popular vote."

He also has some things to say about the fashion world and breaking down class barriers and punking rich folks and what he talks to Obama about.

Worth a listen.

Ansel opens up about love, again

If I were Ansel Elgort's high school girlfriend, I might want to sit him down and have a talk about how every little facet of our relationship doesn't need to be discussed with major monthly magazines. The Fault in Our Stars is voluntarily opening up again about his reignited romance with Violette Komysan, this time to Details. "I knew something was missing, and I was like, 'Oh, that's love.'"

In related news, I think Elgort should stop doing interviews, because the sheen is wearing off his public image. What started a year or two ago as a refreshingly refined "aw shucks" antidote to the usual parade of bratty young stars is morphing into some sort of pretentious platitude-spouting jerk-face. Take quotes like this one — from the same interview — about his career goals: "I want to buy a house now, so I can have my place and not worry about money. Then I can do plays. Do Broadway, make whatever movie I want and not feel like, 'Well, I have to pay a mortgage and take this job and that job.' The minute you start thinking, 'I don't want to do that, but it'll make

me money,' is when you start f—king yourself. I don't want money to ever drive my career. I want my career to be driven by what I want to do in art." Oh, Ansel.



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By the end of the year, we're going to need a new Daily Show host, and it seems like the Internet is already rallying around Parks and Recreation star Amy Poehler. But that doesn't mean she's the only great option to take over for Jon Stewart. We've got some other ideas.

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With files from The Associated Press

Amy Poehler

First off, why not Poehler? Her show is ending, so she could use a new regular gig. She's got the perfect comic persona for the venue, and getting behind the desk in New York would be a lovely return to her Saturday Night Live and Upright Citizens Brigade roots.



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Folks to fill Stewart's shoes

Jessica Williams

How about helping one of the show's fastest rising stars rise even faster? Williams has been turning in some of the show's most important work since joining the team, and that could drive the future tenor of the show and help keep it relevant.



Seth MacFarlane

He's a writer, performer and singer who can summon the juvenile glee, if not the artfulness, that Stewart employs to leaven the angst. And he could bring a sidekick — his devilish movie creation Ted the teddy bear.

Chris Rock

Brilliantly funny, certainly fearless. He wrote an essay about being black in an entertainment industry that is "kind of racist" in its hiring practices — although he said he wasn't being political at all, adding, "that's Stewart, that's (Bill) Maher."



Joel McHale

The Soup host already balances his Community sitcom role with a host gig, so why not step it up? He's quick-witted, lovable and has a following that encompasses the frat-boy demo that is undeniably part of the Daily Show fan base.



Autobiography. Laura Ingalls Wilder book gives raw look at prairie life

The autobiography of Little House on the Prairie author Laura Ingalls Wilder has become a surprise publishing hit in America, with buyers rushing to snap up the candid account of pioneer life. First published in November by the tiny South Dakota Historical Society Press, Pioneer Girl depicts an unglossed view of the 19th-century Midwest, a marked departure from the bucolic imagery of the Little House series.

The book "is Laura Ingalls' very first draft before it was

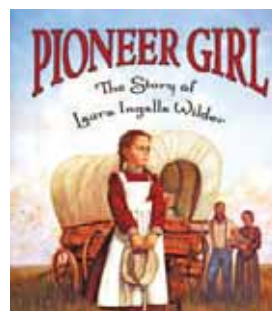
edited and romanticized," the press's director Nancy Tystad Koupal told AFP. "We decided to keep this version, because it was as close to the original story of the 19th-century pioneers. We wanted to show, in a sense, a behind-the-scenes of The Little House."

Wilder first wrote the book in 1930 and it has been annotated by Pamela Hill Smith, who researched all the places and dates Wilder mentioned.

In Pioneer Life, Wilder details 16 years of travels by her

family through an array of Midwestern states including Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa.

Wilder's recollections formed the basis of the Little House books. Whereas the series of 11 volumes paints a fairly innocent picture of pioneer times, Wilder's autobiography bears witness to a less glossy reality. "At the time, life was hard. Violence was typical. It was part of the pioneers' life," Koupal said. Koupal says the Ingalls family was in poor financial



shape, with little cash and they didn't own a home. Instead, they lived in apartments that Laura's father couldn't always pay for.

"They had to flee in the middle of the night to avoid paying rent," Koupal said. AFP

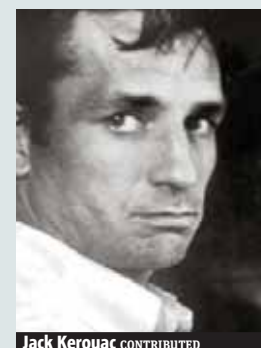
Collection

New Kerouac material set to be released

A Canadian publishing house will release previously unseen texts by On the Road author Jack Kerouac after striking a deal with his estate.

The collection will include a novella that is different from — but also titled — On the Road (Sur le chemin) — a defining work of the postwar Beat and counterculture generation.

Also published will be the beginning chapters of



an unfinished novel titled La Nuit est ma femme.

AFP

Get suited up in sexy, Grey style

Style. Costume designer Mark Bridges encourages all men to take on 50 shades of the sharpest dressers

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Who doesn't love a man in a stylish suit?

Fans of Jamie Dornan (cast as Christian Grey) hope to see him shirtless for most of *Fifty Shades Of Grey*, but his outfits also give away a great deal about his character.

"He starts with a grey suit which gives him a protective formality and as he falls in love with Anastasia Steele, we see him soften and become a regular guy — granted he is in a Bottega Veneta windbreaker — but he becomes a little more down-to-earth. His wardrobe is echoing from the outside what is happening on the inside," explains the film's costume designer Mark Bridges.

The Oscar-winner continues: "His clothes reveal that he likes fine things and has the ability and the money to pay for them. Even his T-shirts are Swiss cotton. He has become accustomed to having the most comfortable and luxurious stuff."

To give the impression of timeless quality, Bridges chose one-button suits with a single breasted peak lapel.

"It's in the vernacular of suit making, but you don't see it very often — it's usually reserved for private tailoring. There are two signals from the earlier days of menswear, so I tried to revive some classic details,



Fifty Shades of Grey, starring the ever-so-dapper Jamie Dornan, opens in theatres this Friday. CONTRIBUTED

Focus on the fit

Grey might go for Charvet neckties, a Dolce & Gabbana leather jacket, Ralph Lauren boots and Malo cashmere, but Bridges points out that the key element to Grey's style has nothing to do with famous brands.

"I've had a lot of women come up to me asking, 'How can I make my boyfriend look like Christian Grey?' and I was like 'Hmm ... get him a tailor,'" he chuckles.

while still having very natural shoulders, slim sleeves and contemporary pants," he says.

Bridges, who is nominated at this year's Academy Awards for Best Costume Design for his work on *In-*

herent Vice, reveals he had some famous people in mind to help him create Christian Grey's style.

"I looked at some sports figures ... young stylish men like David Beckham and David Gandy who show up

Quoted

"I've been impressed lately at some functions I have been to in Hollywood where young men, who aren't stars, make their best effort to look really good."

Mark Bridges
Costume designer for *Fifty Shades of Grey*

on best-dressed lists. These guys have access to all the best clothes and always look like a million bucks. But they still look masculine and effortless; it's never foppish or overdone — they just

know how to rock it."

The racy book trilogy reportedly had an impact on sex-toy sales, but Bridges hopes Grey's sense of style could also have consequences on men's wardrobes.

"I think there is this burgeoning attention to tailoring at the moment. I've been impressed lately at some functions I have been to in Hollywood where young men, who aren't stars, make their best effort to look really good.

"And maybe Christian Grey will push that further and encourage people to look even more immaculate and a little less frumpy."

Style. Karl Lagerfeld to launch collection for pint-sized fashionistas

Fashion's most influential and most respected designer is adding another string to his bow with a clothing line for kids, launching Spring 2016.

The Karl Lagerfeld brand will introduce two seasonal junior collections per year, featuring apparel and accessories for newborns through to 16-year-olds.

Most designers would have their work cut out for them if they had to produce eight collections a year for Chanel, along with a host more for Fendi. Not

to mention menswear and premium fragrances for his namesake label, but there is simply no stopping Karl Lagerfeld.

By expanding the range of his eponymous brand to include junior-sized designs, Lagerfeld gives a whole new meaning to the concept of downsizing. His first kidswear collection will retail worldwide through a global licence agreement with Groupe CWF — an international leader in luxury children's fashion.

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Karl Lagerfeld AFP

Canadian street style

Name: Ariane

Age: 31

Occupation:
Model, sales
and
marketing
director

What she's wearing
Shawl from Winners,
vintage sweater, Joe Fresh
jeans, Tabitha Simmons
boots, Velveteen purse



from Zane, Ray Ban
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Her inspiration

"I like a mix of classic and current. I am also really into menswear for women and combining high-end looks with casual pieces and vice versa."

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Show some love for the space you're in

Sure, you could spend this Valentine's Day communing with a value pack of cinnamon hearts and a four-layer box of ganache-filled truffles. Or you could treat yourself to something that will make your home cosier, brighter, and all-around more lovable. That kind of indulgence is sure to last long after the candy is gone and fickle Cupid has flown the coop.



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The food of love

From chocolate bread pudding to lobster mac and cheese, indulge on the day of love. Le Creuset's 2-quart Heart Casserole cherry pan, \$225, LeCreuset.ca



Two of hearts

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Red letter

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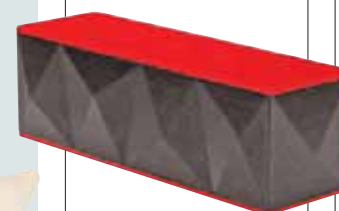
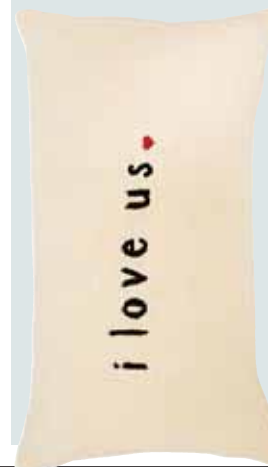


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Every trick in this book is a space-saver

Portable furnishings.

It looks like a book but expands to suit many decor needs

Our increasingly tight living spaces call for innovative space-saving solutions when it comes to interiors — and what better way to do it than storing your furniture in a book?

"Bookniture" is a furniture concept that looks like a regular hardback when sitting on

your shelf, but unfolds into a multipurpose piece that can be used as a stool, footrest, nightstand or table.

Its honeycomb kraft paper structure makes the design resilient enough to hold up to 170 kilograms in weight (around 375 lbs.). The piece itself weighs 1.6 kg, and once unfolded it can be topped with a felt "lid" for extra comfort.

The brainchild of Hong Kong-based designer Mike Mak, Bookniture is currently listed on Kickstarter and can be pre-ordered for \$60. It is expected to ship in May. **AFP**

Don't judge a book by its cover



Available in field brown or leather black, Bookniture is 18 x 33 cm when folded up. It expands to 14 times its original size when in use.



Bookniture can be used as a side table, reading nook, picnic table, footrest or stool. You can stack two to make a desk for your laptop. BOOKNITURE/KICKSTARTER

Give boring cheesecake a new identity

Cookbook of the Week

Chocolatiers unite

Making your own chocolates can be intimidating, but Will Torrent takes the fear out of it in *Chocolate at Home*. The book, while covering the history of chocolate, also explains techniques for producing drool-worthy creations. With chapters on chocolates and truffles, cookies, biscuits and bakes; desserts and pudding, and drinks and ice creams, the possibilities are extensive. Among specific recipes are: Classic Champagne Truffles, Chocolate Waffles with Maple Syrup and Steamed Chocolate Pudding and Custard. **METRO**

Dessert. Strawberries and basil make this white chocolate version even more unique

"This baked cheesecake is made with white chocolate and cream cheese for a lovely open yet creamy texture," writes Will Torrent in *Chocolate at Home*.

1. Crush the biscotti in a freezer bag using a rolling pin and tip into a large mixing bowl.

2. Pour the melted butter into the crumbs and stir to combine. Tip the mixture into the prepared pan and press into an even layer with the back of a metal spoon to form a base.

3. Bake on the middle shelf of the preheated oven for 5 min-

utes. Remove and set aside to cool. Do not turn the oven off.

4. Melt chocolate in a heatproof bowl set over a saucepan or pot of barely simmering water. Stir until smooth and glossy and remove from the heat.

5. Put the cream cheese, eggs, soured cream, sugar and cornflour/cornstarch into a food processor and whizz until smooth. Scrape down the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula, then add the vanilla, lemon juice and zest and whizz again.

6. Carefully pour the mixture into the pan on top of the baked biscotti base. Place on a baking sheet and bake on the middle shelf of the still-warm oven for 40 minutes, or until just set.

7. Remove the cheesecake



This recipe serves eight to 10 people. JONATHAN GREGSON

from the oven and let it cool completely before chilling in the fridge.

8. To serve, mix the hulled

and quartered strawberries together with the baby basil leaves and extra virgin olive oil. Heap the drowned strawberries on top of the chilled

cheesecake and serve in slices.

RECIPE FROM CHOCOLATE AT HOME BY WILL TORRENT RYLAND PETERS AND SMALL, \$35.95 CA; RYLANDPETERS.COM

Ingredients

- 175 g (6 oz) plain biscotti
- 75 g (5 tbsp) unsalted butter, melted
- 175 g (1 1/3 cups) white chocolate, chopped
- 600 g (3 cups) full-fat cream cheese
- 3 large eggs
- 300 ml (1 1/4 cups) soured cream

- 175 g (3/4 cup) caster or granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp cornflour or cornstarch
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- freshly squeezed juice and grated zest of 1 lemon

To serve

- 250 g (2 1/2 cups) strawberries,

- hulled and quartered
- 1 small bunch baby basil
- 4-5 tbsp fruity extra virgin olive oil

Equipment

- a 20-cm/8-inch round springform cake pan, greased and lined with baking parchment

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You know better than to go to work sniffing, hacking and sneezing up a storm.

However, it can be frustrating when your co-workers don't extend the same courtesy. Equally annoying is visiting a shop or bank where the person you are interacting with is contagiously sick.

But you don't have to be held captive by their bugs and viruses in professional settings. Here is how you can take action and still be courteous.

"If a co-worker isn't covering their mouth, turning away, or dry-coughing into

their sleeve, it's perfectly acceptable to suggest they do," said Linda Allan, a Toronto business etiquette consultant.

Keep a box of tissue nearby, she said, and don't be shy about extending the box to someone in need. If an ill colleague borrows your pen or stapler, "It's best not to make a comment," Allan said. "Just use sanitizer to clean the object as soon as they've left your office. Or give them the pen."

Not only can you speak up at work, you can broach the topic with sick people you encounter when going about personal business. This realy-happened anecdote was posed to Allan. What happens if you are at the bank, the tell-



If a co-worker isn't covering their mouth, turning away, or dry-coughing into their sleeve, it's perfectly acceptable to suggest they do. SHUTTERSTOCK

er coughs all over your cash and hands it to you? There isn't much you can graciously do about the cash itself other than take it and clean your hands after. However, you

can say to the teller, politely but on-point, that they seem far too ill to be dealing with the public.

"Nowadays, most of us are very aware that those serving

the public should take every precaution to handle things safely and, if they don't, it's perfectly acceptable to nicely tell them," she said.

And while it's tempting to

be angry at those who come to work sick, try not to be judgmental.

"Not everyone is in a position to stay home when they're not well," Allan said.



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Spending time with your love

Kick things up. It falls on a Saturday, so why not plan something adventurous?

TANYA ENBERG
For Metro

For some, Valentine's Day is a magical time of romance. For others, it is fraught with stress, sending them into high-pressure panic mode.

If you're feeling more fizzle than sizzle, get back on track with these fun ideas for Feb. 14.

With Valentine's Day falling on a Saturday this year, there is opportunity for greater flexibility — and the chance to finally kick the rushed dinner-reservation rut to the curb.

"Go to a live concert, a symphony orchestra, go ice skating and have hot chocolate after," Toronto-based relationship expert Kimberly Moffit said.

"Try doing a little road trip together and check out a diner and the local shops — stuff that is memorable."

For something free or inexpensive, head outside and make snow angels, take



Get outdoors with your partner this Valentine's Day. Something as simple as skating, hiking, or a picnic can be an inexpensive bonding experience. SHUTTERSTOCK

a walk under the stars or choose a new recipe and make a home-cooked meal together.

"With a lot of couples, we're at home sitting on the couch every day," Moffit

said. "Valentine's Day is a chance to change the mundane."

Looking to deepen your connection? Start by getting the heart racing.

"If it's outside of your

regular routine — something risky and adrenaline driven — it helps couples bond," Moffit said. "Especially if it's something novel, it's something that really stands out."

More than just thrills, these moments can boost communication.

"New experiences also offer a fresh opportunity to talk about things," Moffit said. "It brings new life in."



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Navigate the romantic waters of gift giving

Presents for your partner. Gifts can reflect many stages of your relationship

TANYA ENBERG
For Metro

Whether you're fresh lovebirds or have been together for years, make sure you send the right message this Feb. 14.

Just met

Giving lavish gifts to a new crush can suggest you're in love before you actually are. "You might only know a few things about each other but if you picked up that they are a Neil Young fan or watched the Muppets religiously as a child and find something related, huge points," said Kelly Flannigan Bos, a relationship expert.

Daters

You're Facebook-official, but don't have a long-term relationship strategy mapped out yet. Relax and have fun! Book couples massages, pop a nice

bottle of bubbly or frame a cutesy photo of the two of you.

Newlyweds

Whether your beloved is a budding cook, amateur sommelier, avid reader or adventure junkie, there's a gift for that. Book a cooking class or flying lessons, stock a Kobo with books they'll love, but whatever you do, don't let affections fizzle the rest of the year, said Flannigan Bos.

"Love should be shown all-year round, and you now have other dates of celebration," she said. "I think it becomes disappointing if it is the only time all year to check the commitment or be acknowledged."

Long-term

You've exchanged many Valentine's Day gifts so far, so how do you keep the sentimentality of the day fresh? A thoughtful note or card will make the romantic sparks fly, as will pampering or a carefully curated gift.

"I encourage couples to keep a running list of gift ideas throughout the year to prepare for all occasions," Flannigan



Been together 40 years? Make the gift personal, like a gift of memories or a trip to an old haunt. SHUTTERSTOCK

Bos said. It's helpful to note the retail websites they peruse and storefronts they browse. "It saves the last-minute uninspired dash."

40, or more, years together

Celebrate by getting personal. "A fun trip down memory lane: a book of favourite memories, a trip to an old haunt, or have an early picture redone in a new way," said Flannigan Bos. "So many sites have options to make your early wedding picture a blanket, key chain, collage or magnet."

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Herd skate into national spotlight

Mooseheads. Hockey Day in Canada celebrations take hold of HRM till Sunday



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For beer-league-shinny prospect Bobby Smith, “the head said go, the legs said no” Wednesday night at the Halifax Forum.

Nevertheless, Smith’s squad squeaked out the win in an all-star game that helped kick off Hockey Day in Canada celebrations, which take place this week across Halifax Regional Municipality.

“At my age, that’s where I am,” Smith, perhaps better known these days as the majority owner of the Halifax Mooseheads rather than the first overall selection at the 1978 NHL Amateur Draft, said just after a game that made up with in smiles what it lacked in speed.

Team Ron MacLean edged Team Wendel Clark 8-7 inside the historic Halifax barn, nestled in the heart of the city that is now playing host to the annual hockey holiday through Sunday.

“Everybody had fun out there,” 56-year-old Smith said. “So it was a nice start to Hockey Day in Canada.”

Smith’s franchise takes the spotlight during this week’s festivities, with the Herd’s next two home games at the Scotiabank Centre set to air live nationally on Sportsnet.

The Mooseheads take on the Shawinigan Cataractes on



From left, Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell, Halifax Mayor Mike Savage and Mooseheads majority owner Bobby Smith were on hand for Wednesday night’s all-star shinny game at the Halifax Forum. The event launched this week’s Hockey Day in Canada festivities. KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO

Quoted

“I just hope we keep playing the same way we’ve been playing.”

Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell on his team’s recent success. The Herd beat the Sherbrooke Phoenix 4-1 last Thursday and shut out the Acadie-Bathurst Titan 3-0 on Saturday.

Friday night and the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles on Saturday night, with 8 p.m. Atlantic broadcast times.

Television personalities Don Cherry and MacLean will drop the puck Saturday.

Team Ron MacLean player Cam Russell, also known as the general manager of the Mooseheads, said his legs were also feeling “a little heavy” after the game, which featured fellow

NHL alumni and other familiar faces from across the country.

“I don’t want to talk about personal stats,” Russell, 46, said with a laugh of his contributions to the scoreboard, or rather, lack thereof.

“It was nice to go out and enjoy the game, and just have some fun.”

On a more serious note, the GM said his local Quebec Major Junior Hockey League club is

well-deserving of the national attention it will be receiving over the next several days.

“The whole organization has done an incredible job over the past few years,” he said, including bringing home the 2013 Memorial Cup. “It’s a nice little reward.”

Rookie Brett Crossley, 17, will get a little extra limelight, as the Hockey Day in Canada broadcast Saturday will tell the story of his family, including father Brad Crossley, longtime coach of superstar Sidney Crosby, and sister Alexis Crossley, an under-18 women’s world champion.

Cole Harbour is also hosting the Rogers Hometown Hockey Tour this Sunday.

NHL

Comeau on fire in return to Pittsburgh’s lineup

Blake Comeau scored and picked up an assist in his return from an upper-body injury, and the Pittsburgh Penguins dominated the Detroit Red Wings 4-1 on Wednesday night.

Comeau missed nearly two months after getting hurt in an overtime loss to Florida on Dec. 22. He wasted little time getting back to work, assisting on Patric Hornqvist’s goal just 1:51 into the game and firing a one-timer past Petr Mrazek later in the first.

David Perron and Nick Spaling also scored for Pittsburgh. Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 23 shots to earn his fourth win in his last five starts.

Stephen Weiss picked up his seventh goal for the Red Wings. Mrazek made 13 saves on just 17 shots and was pulled after the second period.

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Golf

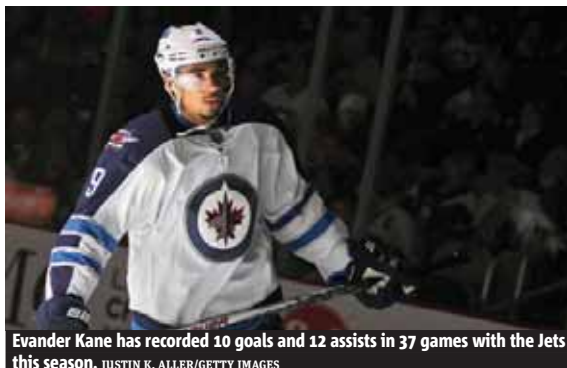
Tiger says his play is ‘not acceptable’

Tiger Woods said Wednesday his game is “not acceptable” to compete in tournaments and he will return when he thinks it is.

Hopeful of having injuries behind him, Woods made a horrific start to the new year. He shot a career-high 82 in the second round of the Phoenix Open to miss the cut by 12 shots. And then he withdrew after 11 holes of ordinary golf at Torrey Pines because of tightness in his back from a fog delay.

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Sabres acquire Kane in blockbuster trade



Evander Kane has recorded 10 goals and 12 assists in 37 games with the Jets this season. JUSTIN K. ALLER/GETTY IMAGES

Jets general manager Kevin Cheveldayoff pulled off a blockbuster trade Wednesday in a bid to get his team to the playoffs for the first time since they moved to Winnipeg.

Controversial Jets forward Evander Kane is gone in the deal with the Sabres that also sent defenceman Zach Bogosian and goaltending prospect Jason Kasdorf to Buffalo for former NHL rookie of the year defenceman Tyler Myers, veteran winger Drew Stafford, prospects Joel Armia

First-round pick

The draft pick in the trade will be the lowest of the Sabres’ three in the first round.

and Brendan Lemieux and a 2015 first-round pick.

“Any time we can add to our drive right now, I think (Cheveldayoff) sends a message he believes in our group,” Jets captain Andrew Ladd said. “I know he’s pretty happy with how things have

played out this year and then the work that we’ve put in, so as a player it’s exciting to have a couple guys come here to try to help us win some games.”

The Jets haven’t been in the playoffs since the former Atlanta Thrashers franchise relocated to Winnipeg before the 2011-12 season.

Winnipeg (28-18-10, 66 points) is holding down the first wild-card spot in the Western Conference standings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Raptors guard DeMar DeRozan goes to the rim against Wizards centre Kevin Seraphin on Wednesday night in Toronto. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Raps give Wiz the business

NBA. DeRozan ensures Toronto gets to all-star break on three-game winning streak

DeMar DeRozan scored 23 points, including a long jump shot with 13 seconds left, to lift the Toronto Raptors 95-93 over the Washington Wizards on

Wednesday in the final game before the all-star break.

Lou Williams topped Toronto (36-17) with 27 points, while Kyle Lowry, who will start for the Eastern Conference in the all-star game, added 13 points, and Greivis Vasquez finished with 11.

John Wall, who will play alongside Lowry on the East squad, led the Wizards (33-21) with 21 points.

On Wednesday

95

Raptors

93

Wizards

Coaches are always concerned about the final game

before the break, but Wednesday's certainly didn't lack for effort or intensity in a battle between two of the East's best.

Toronto is 3-0 this season against the Wizards, the team that is hot on the second-place Raptors' heels in the Eastern Conference.

The Raptors go into the unofficial halfway point boasting a franchise-record 36 wins.

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NBA

Celtics surprise Hawks in Boston

Evan Turner made a running scoop shot with 0.2 seconds left to give Boston its only lead of the game, and the Celtics sent the Atlanta Hawks to just their third loss of 2015, 89-88 Wednesday night.

Jared Sullinger had 17 points and 15 rebounds for the Celtics, who have won four of five but still remain out of playoff position.

Turner had 12 points, nine assists and seven rebounds.

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Winter Universiade

Podium close for pair of Canadians

Canada just missed out on its first podium appearance of the Winter Universiade on Wednesday as short-track speedskaters Keri Morrison of Burlington, Ont., and Montreal's Pascal Dion finished fourth in the women's and men's 1,500-metre races.

Morrison was edged out of a bronze medal by China's Yu Tong Han. Dion also looked to be headed to a spot before a narrow miss.

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Cavs too hot for Heat

LeBron James dunks home two of his 18 points against his former Miami teammates, and Cleveland had six others score in double figures as the Cavaliers beat the Heat 113-93 Wednesday night for their 14th win in 15 games. JASON MILLER/GETTY IMAGES



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Blues stumble but stay way ahead

Premiership. Lone goal at the 89th gives Chelsea a win over Everton that keeps them seven points from second-place City

Premier League leader Chelsea left it late to beat Everton 1-0 on Wednesday and maintain its seven-point advantage over Manchester City as the champions won 4-1 at Stoke.

Willian's 89th-minute winner for Chelsea came a minute after a foul on the midfielder led to Everton midfielder Gareth Barry being sent off for a second bookable offence.

The victory dashed City's hopes of closing the gap on Chelsea on a night when Sergio Aguero scored twice to end his team's four-game winless run.

Manchester United remains five points behind neighbour City but rose to third with an unconvincing

3-1 victory over Burnley.

Southampton dropped to fourth after being held 0-0 by 10-man West Ham, while Crystal Palace drew 1-1 with manager Alan Pardew's former club Newcastle. West Bromwich Albion climbed four points clear of the relegation zone by beating Swansea 2-0.

At Stamford Bridge, Everton manager Roberto Martinez was unhappy that in the melee around Barry's dismissal, Chelsea defender Branislav Ivanovic was not sent off for an apparent attempted headbutt on James McCarthy.

"That shouldn't be allowed," Martinez said. "He grabs James McCarthy around his neck in a very forceful manner and then he puts his head against him when James McCarthy never reacted. If you want to be that fair with the law, it's a red card."

But Mourinho told BT Sport television: "Did Branislav Ivanovic go in with his head? Don't make me laugh. Don't make me laugh."

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Brazil's Willian scored for the Premier League leaders Chelsea against Everton at Stamford Bridge in London Wednesday. ALLSTAIR GRANT/HE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Splash Brothers set to own the all-star spotlight



Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson both carry the weight and the legacy of being sons of famous fathers in basketball. MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Before Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson grew up to be the Splash Brothers, they were just the sons of famous fathers trying to make it big.

Dell Curry recalls his son tagging along with him before and after games with the Charlotte Hornets, learning from five-foot-three Muggsy Bogues how an undersized player can be successful.

"Steph knew he wasn't going to be seven-feet tall. He knew he was going to be a point guard," Dell said.

Mychal Thompson retired

after 12 years in the league, winning two titles with the Los Angeles Lakers, before his son could see him play. But he stayed close to the franchise and his teammates, allowing Klay to be around some of the game's greatest players.

"He could go in the gym and Kobe Bryant is there and he could pick his brain. Magic Johnson would pull him aside and give some advice and so would James Worthy and guys like that," Mychal said.

From being raised by the

league to dreaming about playing in it, Curry and Thompson are among the top attractions now.

The Golden State Warriors' streaky shooting tandem will own the all-star spotlight in New York this weekend. They will compete in the 3-point contest Saturday night in Brooklyn and lead the Western Conference in the all-star game Sunday at Madison Square Garden for what figures to be a culmination of how far they've come.

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Famous fathers

The Splash Brothers eclipse their fathers in different style.

- **Dell Curry.** A spot-up shooter and perimeter player. Stephen is more of a magician with the ball.
- **Mychal Thompson.** Hit one 3-pointer in his career. Klay could hit college-level 3s by the time he was 10 years old.

TOP SIX @ 6 Weeknights at 6 Kat counts down the HOTTEST songs of the day

- 6 Marianne Trench Here's To The Zeroes
- 5 Rihanna ft Kanye West & Paul McCartney FourFiveSeconds
- 4 Neon Dreams Love Experts
- 3 Ed Sheeran Thinking Out Loud
- 2 Nick Jonas Jealous
- 1 Taylor Swift Style

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Baseball

Second juror dismissed in Hernandez trial

Another juror was dismissed in the murder trial of former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez on Wednesday, marking the second time in two weeks a panellist has been removed from the case.

Superior Court Judge Susan Garsh said, "It has nothing to do with this case." She did not elaborate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Team Canada

Feds put \$1M into tech program for Olympians

The science and technology behind Canada's Olympians got a financial reboot Wednesday with the announcement of extra federal government money.

The Government of Canada is topping up the Innovations For Gold program by \$1 million this year and up to \$1 million each of the next two. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

College basketball

Hall-of-Famer coach Tarkanian dead at 84

Hall of Fame coach Jerry Tarkanian, who built a basketball dynasty at UNLV but was defined more by his decades-long battle with the NCAA, died Wednesday after several years of health issues. He was 84.

He couldn't stop fighting the NCAA any more than he could give up chewing towels courtside.

Jerry Tarkanian built a basketball dynasty in the



Jerry Tarkanian THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

desert, but it was his decades-long battle with the NCAA that defined him far more than the wins and losses.

Tarkanian put the run in the Runnin' Rebels, taking them to four Final Fours and the 1990 national championship.

He ended up collecting a \$2.5-million settlement after suing the NCAA for trying to run him out of college basketball. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You won't take life too seriously today and that's good because there are far too many glum faces around as it is. If it makes you smile it must be right.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Don't be discouraged if today's events throw your plans into disarray. Most people around you will be dealing with chaos over the next 24 hours so at least you won't be alone.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You are in one of those moods when whatever other people say you feel you have to take an opposing viewpoint. Are you being contrary for the fun of it?

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

If a friend or co-worker tries to take liberties with your kindly nature today let them know it isn't going to happen. That applies especially to your career.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You will demand to be the centre of attention today and if those you live and work with know what is good for them they will help you up on to the stage and let you get on with it.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

The more you think you may be able to get away with something underhand today, the more likely it is you will make a serious mistake. This is not a good time to take risks.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Can you trust what someone tells you? According to the planets the only way to find out for sure is by doing what they say and seeing what happens.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Something unusual will occur today but it won't do you any harm so long as you don't overreact. It could be the case that someone is deliberately trying to annoy you.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Someone will annoy you today. No matter what you say they'll disagree with you and attempt to derail your plans. They can only succeed if you let them.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Pace yourself and don't force yourself to do things because other people expect you to. If you don't have the energy to do a certain task don't do it.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

This is a good time for all forms of communication, and whether you pick up a pen or pick up a phone others will be delighted to hear from you.

♓ Pisces

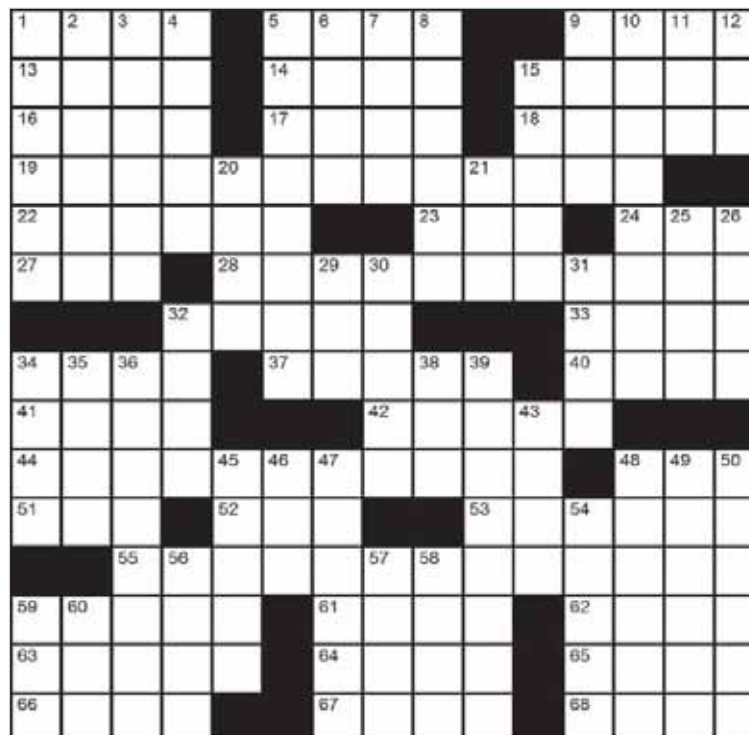
Feb. 20 - March 20

No matter how many things you may have on the go at work, take care of the needs of loved ones first. You may be intensely ambitious but if your home life isn't happy it's unlikely you will be at your best.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Terrorist's arms, commonly
5. 'Bugs' of winter
9. Part of a triathlon has to be what?
13. Total
14. Tardy
15. Prosperity periods
16. Sphere
17. Dry
18. Edgar __ Poe
19. Learn The Second City craft, take these: 2 wds.
22. Mississippi city where Elvis Presley was born
23. Young fox
24. Verdi aria: " __ Tu"
27. Charlemagne's li'l domain
28. Times for Randy Bachman to shine: 2 wds.
32. Canadian news anchor Ms. Len
33. 'Wine'-meaning prefix
34. Napoleon's exile isle
37. Gardening purchases
40. Mr. Seacrest
41. Attack, lion-style
42. WWII threat
44. Quebec's version of MuchMusic
48. Business books balancers, briefly
51. Dates to follow BCs
52. Model/actress Carol



53. Face
55. A laser is used for it in a dermatologist's office: 2 wds.
59. Perfumery property
61. " __ doubt..."
62. Prescriptions, commonly
63. Doodler's need

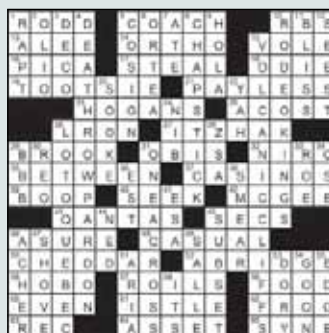
64. Ms. Taylor of "The Haunting" (1999)
65. Tamil __ (State in southern India)
66. Dick Tracy's beloved
67. Broadway star Linda
68. "Let's call __ evening."

Down

1. Ghost
2. Soft-toned complaint
3. Coastal town of France on the English Channel
4. Kind of drum
5. Food tastes
6. Tir a __ (Archery, in French)
7. Gas or elec., e.g.
8. "You're my little Valentine..." song-bitter singer Neil
9. Shoe spot
10. Winnipeg neighbourhood dubbed "The Granola Belt"
11. Ms. Thurman

12. Butterfly logo co.
15. Rope fibres
20. Actress Ms. Kurylenko
21. "My dear fellow."
25. Canadian hardware store
26. "This girl fire..." - Alicia Keys
29. Fire and __ (Robert Frost poem)
30. Traffic standstill
31. Dutch astronomer, Jan __ (b.1900 - d.1992)
32. Country of Africa
34. Ex-Spice Girl Ms. Bunton
35. Honour
36. Waiting-for-public-transit locales: 2 wds.
38. Twofold, tiny-ly
39. Vacationer's keepsake
43. "Sure __ standing here..."
45. Where Doha is the capital city
46. Final [abbr.]
47. Star: French
48. Admonition
49. "In __ -Da-Vida" by Iron Butterfly
50. __ Blue (Dandruff shampoo brand)
54. Prefix meaning "Sleep"
56. "Mister Ed" actor Leon
57. Wizard __ (Comic strip)
58. Aggravate
59. Liable
60. Actress Charlotte

Yesterday's Crossword



Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

How to play

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Yesterday's Sudoku



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